

"This is but a seed — the weakest thing in nature — but he is a seed that thinks."  
—Blaise Pascal

# The Northfield Press

"Truth, justice, and the welfare of man depend on individuals with the courage and opportunity to express their opinions."  
—Lancelot Whyte

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## 200, 18% of Voters Vote on Primary Day

300 voters, 18% of Northfield's 1,614 registered voters went to the polls on primary day, September 14, which when compared with the 1946 total of 82 represented a considerable increase.

With the present Governor, Robert F. Bradford outdistancing his rival Edward M. Rowe, the closest battle came for Auditor, where Northampton's Mayor Edwin L. Olander noted out former Auditor Russell A. Wood, 76 to 64.

Despite the fact that Maurice J. Tobin, recently appointed to the post of Secretary of Labor by President Truman, had renounced his aspirations for the gubernatorial chair he picked up 7 votes as compared to Phil A. Dever's 12 votes.

Several writ votes were recorded on the Democratic ballots for offices to which no formal entry of candidates had been made by Democrats.

The results follow:

REPUBLICAN	
Robert F. Bradford	169
Edward M. Rowe	12
Lieutenant Governor	
Arthur W. Coolidge	176
Secretary	
Frederick W. Cook	175
Treasurer	
Lawrence Curtis	169
Auditor	
Douglas Lawson	19
Edwin L. Olander	76
Wallace Stearns	64
Russell A. Wood	5
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## Northfield Forum To Air Vital Problems

Despite the heavy downpour and lightning filled skies a small group of interested citizens gathered around the "round-table" at the town hall on Sept. 9 for the third session of the Northfield Forum to discuss the question "What is a Democracy?"

In view of the vastness and importance of the subject it was decided to discuss the question with four major points in mind, namely: 1. The meaning — in abstract; 2. Democracies in existence — why?; 3. What areas need improvement; 4. What hope for survival?

The discussion was not held rigidly to the four points, but allowed to spread and develop, with agreement being reached on most major points.

The next forum will be held at the town hall on October 7, with the topic, "Political Parties and their Platforms". A timely subject for this time of the year — and for this period in history. It's very timely should attract all people concerned with the importance of election year issues.

On October 7, at the town hall, 8 p. m., "Political Parties and their Platforms."

DEMOCRATIC	
Paul A. Dever	12
Maurice J. Tobin	7
Lieutenant Governor	
Edward P. Barry	5
Benedict F. Fitzgerald	8
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan	6
Secretary	
Edward J. Cronin	11
Jerome P. Troy	5
Treasurer	
John E. Hurley	15
Auditor	
Thomas J. Buckley	15
Attorney-General	
Enrico Capucci	3
John F. Kelley	7
Francis E. Kelly	5
Patrick G. Sullivan	2
Senator in Congress	
John L. Fitzgerald	9
Francis D. Sullivan	1
John D. Lynch	1
Richard M. Russell	2
Congressman	
John H. Callahan	8
Patrick J. O'Malley	9
Councillor 8th District	
John T. Bunyan	2
Justin G. Cavanaugh	8
Herbert F. Dolan	3
Edward G. Shea	3
Senator	
Julian A. Cesar	14
Representative in General Court	
George Marshall	1
Register of Probate and Insolvency	
Alma Hantunen	1
County Commissioners	
George Marshall	1
Unto Hantunen	1

## Hostel Plans For The Coming Year

Isabel and Monroe Smith, founders of American Hostelling, have returned to the Office and are working on plans for the coming year. Their full report on the International Conference held in Dublin, Ire., will appear in the Winter issue of the A. Y. H. KNAPSACK, but highlights included addresses by delegates from 26 youth hostel associations throughout the world. Just preceding the conference a gigantic youth rally, attended by 15,000 youths of all nations, was staged by the Irish Youth Hostel Association, and included singing and folk dances in costume. It is the International Conference which makes the decision concerning membership passes which are issued by each country and are valid in every other country having youth hostels.

The Conference is also charged with the responsibility of seeing that youth hostel standards are maintained by all member associations, and that the sleeping sack is a universal item of equipment. Every hostel, of course, furnishes a bunk, mattress, and blankets, and the hosteler carries his own sheets in the form of this sleeping sack.

Al Wilson, Accountant and Assistant Treasurer of the A. Y. H., is on his vacation, and taking care of Al III while his wife, Jean, is in the Franklin County Hospital with their new son, Jeffrey, born Monday, September 13. Miss Betty Darling has returned to her desk in the Travel division after visiting relatives in Maine and Connecticut. Ralph Young, the personable young bike man of A. Y. H. during the summer, has returned to his studies at Connecticut State Teachers College.

Plans are being laid for the annual Field Workers' Conference which will be held in Northfield some time early in October.

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## Meet to Organize A VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Initial plans have been laid, and an organizational meeting held, for the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary to the Northfield Post 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Meeting on Sept. 9 at the Congregational Church with County Auxiliary officials, steps were taken to recruit more members for the Auxiliary from among the many eligible in town. The Ladies Auxiliary of the V. F. W. is composed of mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters of commissioned officers or enlisted men, who have served overseas in the Armed Forces of the United States, also female members of the Armed Forces with similar service.

Among the many important functions of the Ladies Auxiliary are: to render relief and aid to veterans and their dependents, aid in the maintenance of the National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan for orphaned sons and daughters of American War veterans, support a nation wide child welfare program through the coordinated activities of over 3500 VFW posts and 2500 Auxiliary units, building a nursery cottage at the National Home, and the Ladies Auxiliary Legislative Committee cooperates with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in its legislative program.

Mrs. Mott P. Gubse was elected president pro-tem of the organization, and the first meeting was attended by the following: Mrs. Raymond Miller, Mrs. Ed Luciw, Mrs. Stanley Payson, Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Miss Lorraine Gingsras, Mrs. Mark Wright, Mrs. John W. Bennett, Mrs. Roy J. Fish and Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe.

## Town Topics

Dr. Leshman A. Peacock, son of the Rev. Dr. J. L. Peacock, a long time resident of Rustic Ridge, has been elected Dean of Meredith College located in Raleigh, N. C., where his sister, Mrs. W. Gordon Poole, was graduated, and taught for seven years before her death.

Barb, main street, 1050, a lunch will be on sale by the Northfield Grange. September 20, Friendly Class meeting 8 p. m. September 21, Brotherhood Meeting and supper. 6:30 p. m., Gordon Pyper, speaker. September 28, Legion meeting in the Service rooms at Town Hall. Election of officers. October 6, P. T. A. Meeting. Alexander Hall. 8 p. m. October 7, Northfield Forum at the town Hall. 8 p. m.

## Library Theft Solved By Fine Police Work

Quick and efficient police work by Deputy Sheriff Richard Hiller, and Patrolman Cyrus McQueen, from the State Police Barracks at Shelburne Falls, solved the Sept. 14 break-in at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

A number of articles were taken from the Museum section of the building, and the library proper was not molested. The intruders were apprehended on Thursday, and all stolen goods returned to the Museum.

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## CAMIERS ADOPTION PROGRAM MOVES AHEAD LETTERS OF FREEDOM WRITTEN, MORE PLEDGES IN.

### A European Report By Returning Tourist

Marking the return of Miss Carol F. Comer, fiancée of Ted Powell, from a European tour, a number of friends gathered at "Green Pastures" to welcome the tourist home and to hear highlights of the trip.

On England — the inhabitants of "the tight little island" are passing through difficult times, unrelieved by the unnatural excitement of war time danger. Depressed by the failure of golden promises of a wartime nature for the peacetime future.

On France — struck by the vast difference of the wealthy and the poor, with very little middleground. Paris, the city of light, still the magnet for all Americans.

On Italy — the lack of American propaganda in cooperation with the administration of BRP. The great effort in many practical ways, being made by the Communists to impress the Italians with their desire to help. If the democratic way is to triumph in Italy the United States must revise its methods — get down to practical levels, bring the assistance to the people and let them know emphatically that great material aid is being furnished by the United States.

In giving her condensed description of the tour Miss Comer imparted a Hollywood flavor to the proceedings by listing the filmland luminaries that dotted the landscape from A to Vatican. Hollywood must be empty.

Examples of continental terpsichore were demonstrated by Miss Comer and her mother, Mrs. Irene Comer, with Miss Elsie Comer at the piano.

Guests for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patouillet, Miss Betty Thompson, Miss Katherine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weston, Mrs. Roger Greenwood, Miss Elsie Comer, Mrs. Irene Comer, Miss Jean Lynch, David Powell, Ted Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Unto Hantunen, Miss Mildred Orr, Mrs. George M. Goodwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Denise.

### Warren At Springfield

Gov. Earl Warren of California, and Vice-Presidential candidate of the Republican Party will speak in the Municipal Auditorium at Springfield on Monday evening, September 27 to open the Republican campaign in Massachusetts. A reception will be tendered him by the State Committee and the Springfield Town Committee previous to the address. A number of active Republicans and members of the local Republican Town Committee of Northfield will be in attendance. On Tuesday evening, September 28, Governor Warren will speak in Concord, N. H.

### Schools of Camiers Have Very Little

After four years of German occupation from 1940 to 1944 the public schools of Camiers were left virtually without anything with which to carry on their school curriculum.

Although the list of necessary items is quite incomplete and only the girls school is listed below, it is safe to assume that anything related to school work should be supplied.

There are 132 children from 4 to 14 attending the girls school.

For the instruction of the metric system they need scales, weights, measures of quantity, quarts and subdivisions. For the instruction of geography they need maps, particularly of France and the five parts of the world. Also a planisphere. For the instruction of science; gauges, alcohol lamps.

The class in sewing needs needles and wool, and any other equipment used for this purpose.

The tiny tots need educational materials of all kinds, dolls, construction games, scissors and many other items that would make the school work of these youngsters easier and more informative.

This list, as has already been stated, is not complete by any means. Added information will be supplied later.

If, when making up packages for the children, you enclose along with the food and clothing some school item it probably will be a great event when the young recipient opens up the package.

What better way than to start here, with the four year olds, for no greater reward could be found than the happy face of a four year old upon lifting out a little doll, or a game or a pair of tiny scissors, or any number of other things dear to the heart of any child.

### Installment Buying Will Be Tighter

WASHINGTON — Installment buying on purchases between \$50 and \$5000 will go under new controls on September 20, the Federal Reserve Board has announced. Retailers and consumers will have to abide by the following credit requirements:

1) A one-third down payment on automobiles; 2) a one-fifth down payment on 11 other kinds of durable goods, including refrigerators; 3) installments on all purchases of \$1000 or less must be completed within 15 months; 4) installments on all purchases above \$1000 must be completed within 18 months.

This "Regulation W" requires that other types of durable goods which will necessitate a one-fifth down payment are radio, television and phonograph sets; air conditioners, room unit; furniture and soft-surface floor coverings; vacuum cleaners; washing machines; sewing machines; ironers; dishwashers; cooking stoves; and any combination units incorporating cooking, stoves, dishwashers, ironers, refrigerators or washing machines.

Criminal penalty for violation of the regulation is a maximum of a \$10,000 fine and 10 years' imprisonment or both. Bank borrowers will be required to state that they will not use the funds to violate Regulation W.

### Our Work has Begun Letters to Camiers

Friendship is already on the way to Camiers! A number of letters have been seen to the little French town. Material help will soon be on the way. Packages are being prepared for shipment as soon as a list of families is available.

A number of folks have "adopted" some of the many children of Camiers under their protective wing while waiting for time when they can adopt an entire family.

The little town, adopted by the Northfield Press, is in need of most everything, therefore the best judgment of the individual will serve as the guide for making up boxes or packages. The infants are in urgent need of layettes. There are more than 131 children under four years of age in the town.

As a PRESS reader remarked the other day, "This is an opportunity we have been waiting for." An opportunity not only to help children of another country, but to help their own children at the same time.

Despite the number of pledges already received many more must be had if the program is to be a complete success; all that is necessary is to let us know that you wish to share in the "adoption" is a penny postcard or a phone call to 429.

With each passing week speed will be the watchword. For the cold winter months will be upon us and the continent of Europe. If our help is to be helpful and effective it must come soon.

Organizations and clubs can adopt children or families as a unit.

Families can adopt families.

Children can adopt children. When adopting anyone, family or individual, under this person-to-person plan, a kinship is bound to spring up. Assurance is guaranteed that packages will go to proper destinations — and their receipt will be acknowledged.

If peace is to be finally secured this is the one means to that end. The Midway Plan, with its seven point program, as its founder, William Montgomery Bennett has pointed out, might well be the method with which to find "The gate in the wall" in the search for peace.

Remember the 471 children of Camiers — adopt one or more for your family, or your children. Call or write the Northfield Press.

### New Citizens WILSON

At the Franklin County Hospital, Greenfield, on Sept. 13, a son, Jeffrey Arthur Wilson, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Wilson, Birnam road. Grandparents, Mrs. Halsey L. Allen and Alfred H. Wilson, I.

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### A Challenge

The Medway Plan, or the Town Adoption Program, as sponsored by the PRESS, was taken up by more than 70 cities and towns before this paper undertook to play a part in the program. By adopting Camiers the PRESS became the first paper in the nation to officially join in the task of aiding distressed peoples in Europe under the Medway plan.

By taking this forward step in a most important cause we realized ourselves that we were accepting a challenge — a challenge to this paper, to this town and its people.

That this "adoption" will succeed should not be questioned. The extent of its success depends upon all of us — in Northfield and surrounding area.

The idea will spread in a certainty. Evidence of that is already at hand — letters from distant points asking about the plan. People expressing curiosity about what is being done in Northfield.

A rare opportunity for Northfield to take a lead in furthering principles of the democratic life.

A resolution to join in this work should be placed upon the agenda of every organization, club, and group in Northfield.

Make your investment now — reap the dividends later! Write a Letter of Freedom — NOW!

### Letters Of Freedom

"We'll take a family." "I'll take a child." We have heard these words from many sources — but not enough people have come forward as yet to fully assure us that everyone in the town of Camiers will receive help and encouragement.

Don't say, "Oh, someone else will help — I'll not bother."

Don't merely say, "What a wonderful thought and such a fine act." Sentiment is fine — but it is not enough.

Take practical measures — adopt a child or family.

Talk of peace is fine — but it is not enough.

Talk will never succeed where action is needed.

Prayer will solve spiritual needs but it will not furnish material help.

Letters to lift up beaten spirits will help.

Magazines, newspapers and books will sow the seeds of friendship.

More passive thinking will not erase the sound of four years of bombings.

Broken ear-drums cannot hear — but hopeful eyes can see.

Give the people of Camiers something to see — something to read!

In giving hope to Camiers — you go far beyond the mere continental limits of one village, one town, one city or one nation. The hope you offer — can and will spread to many hearts.

We have freedom — we have democracy. We have all this and more. Why hoard these commodities, when a three cent stamp, a

### THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

To The Editors:

Congratulations to the Press on its gallant gesture in adopting the little French town of Camiers! Northfield, long renowned for its humanitarian projects, will no doubt take this new venture to its heart — and both Camiers and Northfield will be the richer for it.

There is something in this personalized form of relief which will certainly sow the seed for better understanding, first, between the families of the two nations and eventually between the nations themselves. With your little Johnny in Northfield writing notes, however brief to little Michel in Camiers, swapping snap-shots, maybe stamps or other things of local interest; exchanging birthday gifts, comparing schools and other activities, there will grow a bond of life-long friendship. Think of the possibilities of future world-wide understanding if this could be carried out on a global scale!

In a recent letter from Fiers-de-Orne, another adopted town and one of the many small villages in Normandy, bombed and battered out of cruel necessity by our own airmen at the time of the invasion, a young man says, "Food for the spirit is even more important to us right now than food for the body — we crave books, magazines, newspapers and above all the friendly contact of letters to give us courage and help us to build again our badly impaired morale."

There, it seems, is the answer to those who may feel that this Town Adoption Program is just one more thing to upset an already unbalanced budget. It will cost you nothing but the price of a stamp and a little well-spent effort to get your letters going — gifts if you can — but most important of all your messages carrying hope and courage — giving strength to fight the unseen hordes of dangerous ideologies that are sweeping Europe today. Perhaps your letter — and yours — and yours will play a stellar role in halting this third World War which lurks behind the newspaper headlines, in the news commentators' voice and even in our daily conversations.

P. S. The above-mentioned gentleman of Fiers-de-Orne has asked specifically for any old copies of James Oliver Curwood or Jack London — and is very anxious for a copy of "One With the Wind". I should be very grateful to any PRESS reader who would be willing to part with any of these books. B. H. B.

few cans of food and some unused clothing will spread our way of life to all the peoples that want to know about our way of life. The grinding of propaganda machines, the ponderous progress of giant states can never do the job we as individuals can do — and must do.

To follow those who cry "PEACE" — or those who cry "WAR", will never bring peace to us, not if we content ourselves with the idyllic dreams of the adoption future to come.

To take a practical part in working for the things you want — PEACE AND SECURITY — join us now in the adoption of Camiers.

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### COLONIAL CHRONICLES

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In the following few years of peace Northfield more than once had it proposed in the town warrant that the forts be taken down as not necessary. This had just been done before they were needed again. One event of this period was the taking up of more lands both in town and the surrounding region. Those who had been forced to abandon their homes, if they survived, returned. The second event was acquiring a new minister Rev. John Hubbard, a graduate of Yale in 1747, was ordained in Northfield in 1750. He continued as town pastor until his death in 1794 and, although his pay was often overdue and never increased, he seemed to have won the respect of the town. One period early in the Revolution he continued to pray on the Sabbath for the King and a committee had to take him to terms agreeable to the new nation. He belonged to the Liberal camp. He tended strictly to his religious tasks and thus avoided the criticism that came to Rev. Doolittle. In fact, the town paid his funeral expenses of 19 shillings six pence to Capt. Medad Alexander (Moody's ancestor) for beef and twenty-three shillings to James Merriam for making the coffin.

The last French and Indian War

was from 1754 to 1763. Northfield now was the military center for the region, for Deerfield had taken its place. The war cost Massachusetts over \$4,000,000. During this war Jamima Howe and seven children were taken captive to Canada from Vernon and the Johnson family (ancestors of the Billings family that gave Moody's Northfield School for Girls some of its buildings) were among the captives taken at Township No. 4. A Johnson daughter was born on the second day out on this captivity and with the mother survived. Most of these families were redeemed, sometimes with the help of an Albany Dutch friend. In one stage of the war France was gaining an outpost at Oswego on Lake Ontario and Fort William Henry on Lake George. It was the friendship of the Iroquois Indians that prevented the French from advancing further. The troublesome St. Francis Indians north of Lake Champlain were finally defeated by Rogers' Rangers sent out by Lord Jeffrey Amherst. Crown Point of course had been taken. In 1759 and 1760 Quebec and Montreal were taken by the English. The fighting ended in 1763 and the Peace of Paris left the French no territory in America.

(To be continued)

### VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

Plans for the enlistment of women in the Regular Army and the Regular Air Force beginning September 15 were announced this week by the Departments of the Army and the Air Force.

In accordance with the services announced principle that quality and not quantity will keynote selection, applicants will be required to meet high standards of character, health and education.

Enlistment is open to all qualified women who are at least 18 years old but have not reached their 35th birthday. Applicants younger than 21 years must have the written permission of their parents or guardians. An exception to the top age limit will be made for former WACs in certain cases.

Application blanks and full information on the WAC and WAF will be available at all Army and Air Forces Main Recruiting stations on September 15, 1948.

Caravans of chartered buses and private cars will carry the members and families of 265 veterans of Foreign Wars posts throughout the State to Norumbega Park, Amherst, Sunday, September 19 for the V. F. W.'s annual all day outing.

Extensive plans have been completed for a full day of athletic events and contests for young and old alike with valuable prizes for every event. Everything from rolling-pin contests to advanced track events have been arranged at the spacious Norumbega Park grounds by a committee composed of state Athletic Director Officer John Tynan, Brookline; NEAAU President Ralph Colson, Hyde Park; Past National VFW Commander Eugene Carver, Brookline.

and Fred Russo, Somerville.

There are teen-agers everywhere, even at Legion conventions. ELLIOTT KRAVITZ, 19, Legionnaire from Chelsea, probably was the youngest delegate to attend the 30 annual state convention held last week.

Elliott was only 16 when he joined the Army. He served with an M. P. division for nearly a year.

His enthusiasm for military life made him think he would enjoy becoming a member of the Legion. He has been a member of Chelsea Post 34 for two years. However, he never had a taste of convention life until last week.

This time spent at conventions isn't all devoted to getting "horse laughs," according to young Kravitz. He says, "The unity of the Legion is wonderful. It surpasses the Army because it frowns on too much red tape. Older members make us feel that we are an important addition to the Legion. And, they don't pretend to know it all. There is a tendency on the part of young newcomers to think long-term men are old-hat. It doesn't take long for them to change their minds."

Elliott has been a Babe Ruth fan for years. During the war he was fortunate enough to meet his idol while he was stationed in Florida. During the Convention Elliott made a motion to hold a one-minute silence in memory of him. The motion was granted.

A young fellow can get ahead in the Legion. All the plums aren't reserved for old timers. Elliott has been elected an alternate delegate to the American Legion National Convention in October in Miami, Florida.

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the immensity of this whole thing — the possibilities — the magnitude — do you realize — that the Secretary of Labor for the United States — Maurice J. Tobin, received only 6 more votes than we did — hardly a plurality — or a majority — or an aspidistra — The Gallup Poll missed the boat on this one — they were caught with points down — but then we all make mistakes — look at the Literary Digest — has anyone seen one — now that the votes are in — we are relieved — the campaign was a tough one — no more babies to smoke — or cigars to kiss — it was close — while it lasted — we held our rallies in a telephone booth — as safe from eggs anyway — as TIME would say — no candidate he — or did they say — no candidate he — again we thank the voter in the town — the one man — woman — or it — who went to bat — or to the polls — or to both — again we repeat our slogan — we will run — we will only run — if elected!



## OF ALL THINGS SPORTS NEWS Tom Hurley

Northfield A. A. again entered the Franklin County League this year, but unfortunately finished in the second division. Although this looks bad in the won and lost column, delving deeper into the situation, it was a fact that many of the games were lost by only one run. This of course brings forth the question, "Why?" Was it weakness at the plate or were the pitchers making them too good? It was mainly pitching trouble, as we had five men who finished up with averages of over 300, besides others who were consistent hitters but received many tough breaks. Tony Fecto, from Hinsdale kept the team up on top for a long time with consistent pitching. On one occasion he pitched two games in a row because no other pitchers showed up. Third base was a hoodoo for pitchers. Time and again pitchers wouldn't have

been in trouble, or could have got out of it, if we had a good third baseman. That was never achieved until the latter part of the season when Bob Shearer took over the hot corner.

Just as soon as the team started losing a few games the crowd fell off, making the treasury department end up in company with the team — very low! Manager George Casey deserves a lot of credit for performing the miracle he did with the aggregation of ballplayers he had to work with. On more than one occasion he had to pitch himself rather than forfeit the game. His out-of-town ballplayers, with the possible exception of two, proved worthless, but that was the gamble, because at the beginning of the year there were many local ball players that didn't bother with the team because of other interests or personal views toward the manager. At the spring meeting everybody and anybody voted for the election of officers, which in my mind is out of order. I think the manager should be elected by the ballplayers themselves.

In looking forward to another year, I would strongly suggest that the manager manage the team — that's all — just manage! He has plenty to do in this one job without keeping score, marking the field and a dozen other jobs. I think one man should be assigned to each job, for example, scorekeeping and calling in the results to the papers, grading and marking the field, taking the collection and a purchasing agent. This can be worked out and does not require too much time from each man involved. I also make the following suggestions, increase the appropriations for upkeep of the field. This year the field was in very bad shape as it was impossible to hire anyone to take care of it. More money would answer the question, as it has been answered in nine other parks of the Franklin County League. It was embarrassing when other teams came to play and the ball was practically lost in the outfield, or else you were trying to run in and through at least five inches of grass. This is no fault of our park commissioner's payless and thankless job, for he did his best to make the park as good as was possible under the circumstances.

Approximately 15 dozen balls at \$24.00 per dozen were lost over the right field bank where there should be a fence at least 8 or 10 feet high. If the bank could be burned over in the spring it would clear out the jungle appearance and bring about a big saving for both the High School and the N.A.A. Bleachers to accommodate at least 500 people should be bought when prices are right.

Northfield has always been a baseball town and speaking from experience gained from touring in the league, I think that Northfield will definitely be in the playoffs next year and probably will bring

the pennant to Northfield.

Below are the averages of regular players as compiled from the score books:

Dick Bolton	354
Manuel Mello	339
Teddy Beruk	317
Larry Glasier	311
Roger Baker	310
Pete Holton	288
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### Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore, who have spent the summer at their cottage in Mountain Park, have returned to their home in Philadelphia. Members of their family have returned also.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott who have been at their cottage on Linden street this summer, have returned to their home in Long Island City, N. Y.

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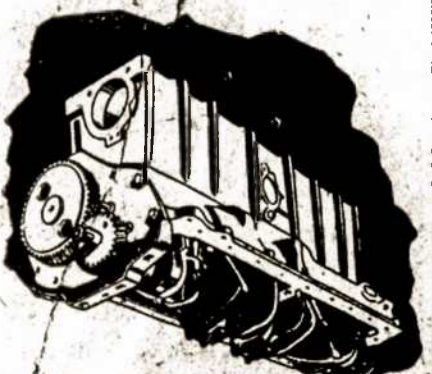
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### Drs. Gilkey, Rubendall Sage Speakers Sunday

The Sunday speakers at the morning worship service at the Northfield School, September 19, will be Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean emeritus of the chapel of the University of Chicago in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock and Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

### Talk by Taylor At P. T. A. Meeting

Featuring a forceful talk by Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Taylor, the Parent-Teachers Association of Northfield held its first meeting of the new season on Sept. 13 at Alexander Hall.

Speaking before a well filled Hall Supt. Taylor outlined the number of legislative advances made in the last three years in Massachusetts and the impact of these advances on the school system of Northfield. The speaker also pointed out the number of advantages held out to small town school systems by the passage of new legislation.

In the light of the recent improvements made in the archaic structure of the Commonwealth's school system Massachusetts might well be out of the rank for this state has ranked 44th in the 48 states.

Supt. Taylor pointed out a number of improvements needed to bring the local system up to a par with other similar sized localities, and that in this changing mobile world we must keep pace with developments so that the public school student will be prepared to take his place in the social and industrial order of today.

Northfield would be entitled to borrow something over \$190,000 for new school construction, and he added, this money does not come from newly raised money, but out of funds re-allocated for this purpose. If we demand improvements in our schools, we, as taxpayers, must foot the bill for the desired improvements.

A number of piano solos, with encores, by Miss Gloria Saveloff, preceded the talk by Supt. Taylor.

The business meeting presided over by President James C. Gillespie, consisted of a number of reports by various committee chairmen. Robert Barnes reporting on the progress of the Basketball Committee noted that more money would be necessary to finish the installation of the equipment at the town hall. The members voted to raise the necessary funds for the completion of the project in time for the basketball season.

Supt. Taylor reviewed the teaching staff of the schools, and introduced the two new additions, Miss Rose-Marie Marten and Mrs. Virginia Raymond.

The Hospitality and Social Committee headed by Mrs. David Hammond, with Mrs. Edward Benney and Mrs. Paul Mayberry, served refreshments during the social hour.

### New Clinic Location Mount Hermon School

Mount Hermon Boys School announces the opening of a new campus clinic in Cottage 1, next to the Chapel. Dr. Dodd's office and all clinic work for students, faculty, staff and off-campus people will now be handled in the new clinic instead of in Dwight's Home as before. The phone number is Northfield 870. Off-campus people wishing an appointment with Dr. Dodd should phone ahead.

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10:00 a. m., Men's Bible Class.  
10:00 a. m., Young People's Forum.

11:00 a. m., Public Worship. Sermon subject, "Nothing Ever Happens on Sunday Morning." Nursery for pre-school age children.

6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship. Devotional service and reports on attendance at the Wilbraham Pilgrim Fellowship Conference by Donald Hall and Richard Whitney. The Friendly Class will meet in the Pilgrim Fellowship room on Monday evening at eight o'clock. Mount Hermon men will serve the Brotherhood supper on Tuesday evening at 6:30. Gordon Pyper will speak on and demonstrate his hobby, "Woodworking."

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Sunday, September 19,  
10:30 a. m., Service and Sermon. "Goals for the new church year".  
11:30 a. m., Sunday School.  
7:30 p. m., Prayer and Praise Service.

The District Sunday School Conference will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Grange Hall. An interesting program will be presented, beginning 7:20 Tuesday evening, all day Wednesday and ending Thursday morning.

### Local Girls Enter The Northfield Schools

Among the 440 students who have enrolled here this week for the opening of the 19th academic year at Northfield School for Girls are: Esther M. Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hossie G. Bentley; Anne Berline, daughter of Mrs. Mildred M. Berline; Patricia W. Brown, daughter of Mrs. Laurie P. Brown; Patricia E. Chapin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Chapin; Alma G. Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gillespie; Jacquelyn Jewett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer M. Jewett, Jr.; Julia Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Huber; Emily L. Kirk, daughter of Mrs. Emily S. Kirk; Barbara F. Locke, daughter of Mrs. Frances Locke; Beverly J. McCollum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. McCollum; Jean L. McEwan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan; Helen E. Morehouse, daughter of Mrs. Lillian G. Morehouse; Janet S. Pearsall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall; Lee M. Scanlon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Scanlon; Leona M. White, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn White; Joan E. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Leonard; Alice Zebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Zebert; Margaret E. Dodd, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd; Mary A. Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Erickson; Joan Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morrow; Elizabeth A. Platt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Platt; Ann D. Pyper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pyper.

### Northfield Grange Features "Colonial Room" At F. C. Fair

The local Grange had an unusual booth at the Franklin County Fair this year. Although it did not win a prize it received a great deal of attention.

The booth was called a "Colonial Room," and was furnished with choice antiques from Northfield homes. A flax wheel from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip McNeil; a quaint old cradle and a very old bible were loaned by Mrs. Fred Stone; an old-fashioned high chair belonging to Mrs. Lucy Clapp; and braided rugs from the home of Mrs. Arthur Pletz, were some of the items shown.

There were also flowers, fancy work, dairy products, home canned foods, and home arts and crafts on display. Those who worked on the booth were: Mr. and Mrs. Emory Elbert, Mrs. Isabel Carter, Mrs. Fred Stone, William Andrews, Mrs. Dorothy Whitney, Mrs. Walter Clark, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Philip McNeil.

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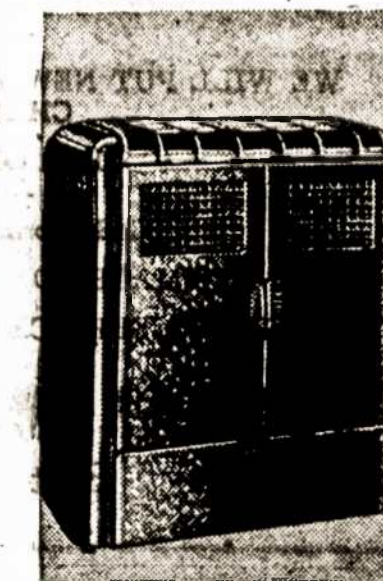
On his way to a national meeting of U. S. Treasury officials at St. Paul, Minnesota, E. M. Powell, Sr., stopped in Chicago to visit the Moody Bible Institute. On arriving at the institute he was informed of the serious illness of William Norton, one of the few surviving associates of D. L. Moody, at the Wesley Memorial Hospital. Powell went to the hospital and reported that his condition was very low.

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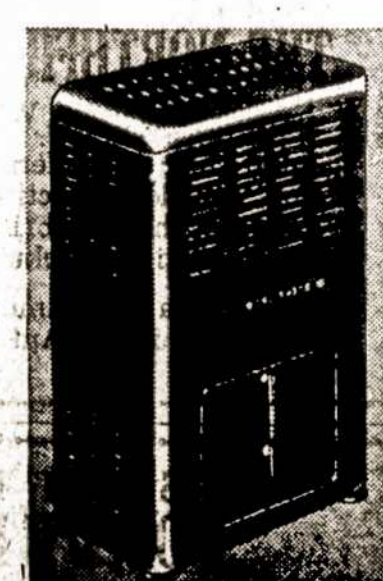
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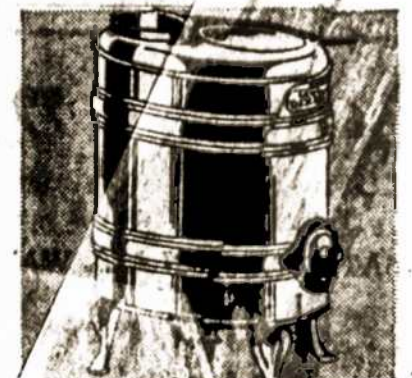
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### 1 Genuine Ford Parts

...are identical twins to parts built into your Ford! They're made right, fit right, last longer.

### 2 Factory-approved Methods

They save you time and money, too, because they're designed by the men who designed your car.



### 3 Ford-trained Mechanics

Our men are Ford experts, know how to save you time and money on better, trouble-free work.

### 4 Special Ford Equipment

A man's as good as his tools, they say. Our tools are special for Fords. They protect your Ford's future.



Ford Dealers know Fords Best!

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